



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 3020

United States Parole Commission Extension and Sentencing Commission Authority Act of 2005

As ordered reported by the House Committee on the Judiciary on June 29, 2005

SUMMARY

H.R. 3020 would extend the authorization for the United States Parole Commission for three years (under current law, the commission's authorization will expire on October 31, 2005). In addition, this legislation would grant the United States Sentencing Commission the authority to review and modify penalties for certain criminal acts involving terrorism and for abuse of anabolic steroids. CBO estimates that implementing the bill would cost about \$33 million over the 2006-2010 period, subject to appropriation of the necessary amounts. Enacting H.R. 3020 could affect direct spending and revenues to the extent that the U.S. Sentencing Commission would increase penalties for certain offenses as authorized by the bill. Criminal fines are recorded as revenues, then deposited in the Crime Victims Fund and later spent. CBO expects that any additional revenues and direct spending would not be significant because of the relatively small number of cases likely to be affected.

H.R. 3020 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined by the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 3020 is shown in the following table. For this estimate, CBO assumes that the legislation will be enacted by the end of fiscal year 2005, that the necessary amounts will be appropriated by the start of each fiscal year, and that outlays will follow the historical rate of spending for the U.S. Parole Commission. The commission received an appropriation of \$10 million for 2005, and CBO estimates that this amount, as adjusted for anticipated inflation, would be needed to continue operations over the 2006-2008 period. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 750 (administration of justice).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION						
Spending for U.S. Parole Commission						
Under Current Law						
Budget Authority ^a	10	0	0	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays	10	1	0	0	0	0
Proposed Changes						
Estimated Authorization Level	0	10	11	11	0	0
Estimated Outlays	0	9	11	11	2	0
Spending for U.S. Parole Commission						
Under H.R. 3020						
Estimated Authorization Level	10	10	11	11	0	0
Estimated Outlays	10	10	11	11	2	0

a. The 2005 level is the amount appropriated for that year for the U.S. Parole Commission.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

H.R. 3020 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined by UMRA and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

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